

MINERS BEGIN STRIKE TO-DAY.

Bring Their Tools from the Collieries and Stop Work Till Convention Meets.

STRUGGLE IS EXPECTED.

Operators Are Preparing for Trouble, and Toilers Believe Their Delegates Will Lock Horns.

Following is a tabulated statement of each of the eight anthracite coal districts affected by the coal strike:

District	Col- lieries	Em- ployees	Daily Wages
First	41	17,285	\$23,010
Second	49	18,789	21,825
Third	50	18,600	24,180
Fourth	49	23,067	29,987
Fifth	38	15,111	20,644
Sixth	42	20,279	26,351
Seventh	47	20,655	26,851
Eighth	40	12,041	15,651
Totals	327	145,827	\$188,509

(Special to The Evening World.)
SCRANTON, Pa., May 10.—In accordance with the orders of President Mitchell, that all persons working in or around the anthracite collieries stop work on Monday, May 12, and remain idle until a final decision is reached by a convention at Hazleton on May 14, 147,000 toilers will to-day bring their tools from the mines and, after cleaning up the chambers and getting out what coal is already blown down, will practically inaugurate the preliminary strike.

Many of them did not go to work at all this morning, but merely brought out their tools. In all the region no fresh coal was mined.

Late as it was last night when the order was given the news spread rapidly and the men were on the streets long after midnight discussing the decision of the convention next Wednesday.

It is considered certain that the order for a strike will be continued and that the strikers will include the firemen, engineers and pumpmen, to whom President Mitchell has given permission to remain in the mines to protect the companies' property until a final decision is reached by the miners' delegates.

The entire first district, under the leadership of President Nichols, is for a strike, and really carried the strike order through at yesterday's meeting. The operators to-day are busily engaged in making preparations for the fight.

The mines will be allowed to remain open until the end of the week. It is said that in the event of the strike being continued, President Mitchell will establish his headquarters in this city.

Consider a Long Strike Inevitable.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 10.—When bulletins were posted here to-day announcing the action of the Reading coal and iron company, local members of the union said they would remain away from the mines. Business men consider a long strike inevitable.

Strike News Causes Consternation at Pottsville.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 10.—The news from Scranton was received with consternation here. The Reading coal and iron company is preparing to swear in several hundred extra policemen to guard the colliery properties.

Operators to Hold Meeting To-day.

It was said in Wall Street this morning that the principal operators would hold a conference some time to-day, probably in Philadelphia.

President George F. Hays, of the Reading, who is also President of the Jersey Central, is to be the manager for the operators.

The period of highest coal consumption is here, and the operators have on hand now a supply sufficient to last four months.

At J. P. Morgan & Co.'s office no information would be given as to whether or not Mr. Morgan had sent from abroad any instructions concerning the strike.

CHAPMAN'S RAID ON "THE" ALLEN FAILS

Alleged Pool-Room Keeper and Sixty-four Other Prisoners Set Free by Magistrate Crane in Court To-day.

One more has Capt. Chapman secured a Duke in his war against "The Allen's Sixth Avenue poolroom. The notorious Duke, who was arrested in a raid on the place yesterday afternoon, was set free by Magistrate Crane in Jefferson Market Court this morning and the Duke is now at large.

It happened that at the time the raid was made the Duke was at the pool table and the Duke was at the pool table and the Duke was at the pool table.

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NEWS At Home TOLD IN TABLOIDS Abroad NEWS

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CAPITAL FOR DEMOCRATS.

At the smoker of the Thirty-fourth Assembly District Lewis Nixon said that the National and State administrations were making plenty of capital for the Democratic party for the coming campaign.

BOY KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR.
Charles Donahue, eight years old, who lived at No. 54 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, was killed by a Graham avenue car. The infuriated crowd that saw the accident attempted to mob the motorman, William McCormack, of No. 14 Fourth street.

SALOON-KEEPER SAVES THREE.
Mrs. Thomas Haas and her two young children owe their lives to Thomas Farley, a saloon-keeper, who lives at No. 50 First avenue. He rescued them from a burning building.

APPEAL FOR PARK FLOWERS.
The Bronx Zoological Park, through its director, William T. Hornaday, has issued an appeal to the public to preserve the wild flowers in the reservation. Mr. Hornaday requests that visitors refrain from picking the flowers.

CHILD TUMBLED TO DEATH.
During the absence of her mother Rosanna Downey, three years old, fell from the fire-escape at her home, No. 235 West Fifty-second street, and was instantly killed.

NO PROSPECT PARK FOUNTAIN.
The electric fountain at the Prospect Park Plaza will not be operated this summer. Park Commissioner Young says the crowds attending the display in previous years were too disorderly and the fountain was injured.

MUSIC HALLS ANXIOUS.
Commissioner of Police Partridge has reserved his decision on the application made by agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crime to refuse licenses to the Bon Ton and the Abbey Music Halls.

TO ERECT POWER-HOUSE SOON.
Plans for the main power-house of the rapid transit subway have been filed and work will soon be started upon the excavation in Seventh avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets.

GEN. COLLIS DIED.
Gen. Charles H. T. Collis, formerly Commissioner of Public Works, is ill at his summer home, near Gettysburg, Pa. The general's son, Lloyd Collis, was summoned to his father's bedside last Thursday.

FOUR CHILDREN IN CHARGE.
The Children's Society will care for four pickaninnies who came from Lynchburg, Va., to meet their father here, but who did not show up to take them in charge. They were Martha, Nelson, Altha and Mary Pryor, none more than ten years old.

REFUSE TO APPOINT NEGRO.
The Board of Village Trustees of Ossining refused to appoint Edward Green, chairman of the Mount Pleasant Mill, to the position of a policeman, on the ground that he is a negro.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.
Bradstreet's reports 178 failures in the United States during the week, against 174 for the preceding week and 136 for the corresponding week of 1901. About 91 per cent. of the total number of concerns failing had capital of \$5,000 or less and 4 per cent. from \$5,000 to \$20,000 capital.

MANY SAIL ON CELTIC.
The Celtic, of the White Star line, carried a big list of passengers, among them Joseph D. Bagshaw, Mrs. James Carstairs, Col. E. C. Holland and Eben Webster.

MAN DROPS DEAD IN STREET.
The police of the West Forty-seventh street station report that an unknown man, dressed in black clothes, blue jumper and red leather slippers, who was about sixty-five years old, dropped dead in front of No. 115 West Forty-second street this morning of heart disease.

CROSSED WIRES START FIRE.
Fire, which started from a crossed electric wire, did about \$2,000 damage to the stock of the Standard News Company on the fourth floor of the eighth-story building at No. 115 Broadway early to-day. The blaze, which was of short duration, was among a stock of valuable mechanical goods.

FOUR MEN BEAT HIM.
William J. Ryan, who said he lived at No. 141 Avenue street, Newark, N. J., staggered into the Oak street station early to-day and reported that he had been beaten by four men. At Bellevue Hospital it was found that four of his ribs were fractured.

WANTS CONTRACT BROKEN.
The widow of John I. McGarry has asked the court to break the contract made by her husband with the city of New York for the construction of the New York City and Hudson River Railroad.

ALL THE MILKMEN WERE "HELD UP."

EX-SENATOR ROACH CANNOT LIVE.

North Dakota Legislator a Victim of Tumor—Under Treatment at His Residence in This City.

Health Board Inspectors Stop Vans, Examine Cans and Find that City's Supply is O. K. To-day.

Health Commissioner Loder's force in this borough, organized by Health Board men from the other boroughs, examined the 1,200,000 gallons of milk which the Milkmen's Union today.

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